

BRYAN MAY NOT DECLINE THE NOMINATION.

Will Be Guided by the
Conditions the Popu-
lists Attach to It.

Anxious in Every Way to
Further the Cause of
Free Silver.

He Will, However, Do Nothing
Which Might Seem Un-
fair to Sewall.

Appreciates the Efforts of the Peo-
ple's Party to Consolidate the
Free Silver Forces.

PLATFORM NOT ALL TO HIS LIKING.

It is Much, He Says, Like That of His Own
Party, but Indorses Some Policies
of Which He Does Not
Approve.

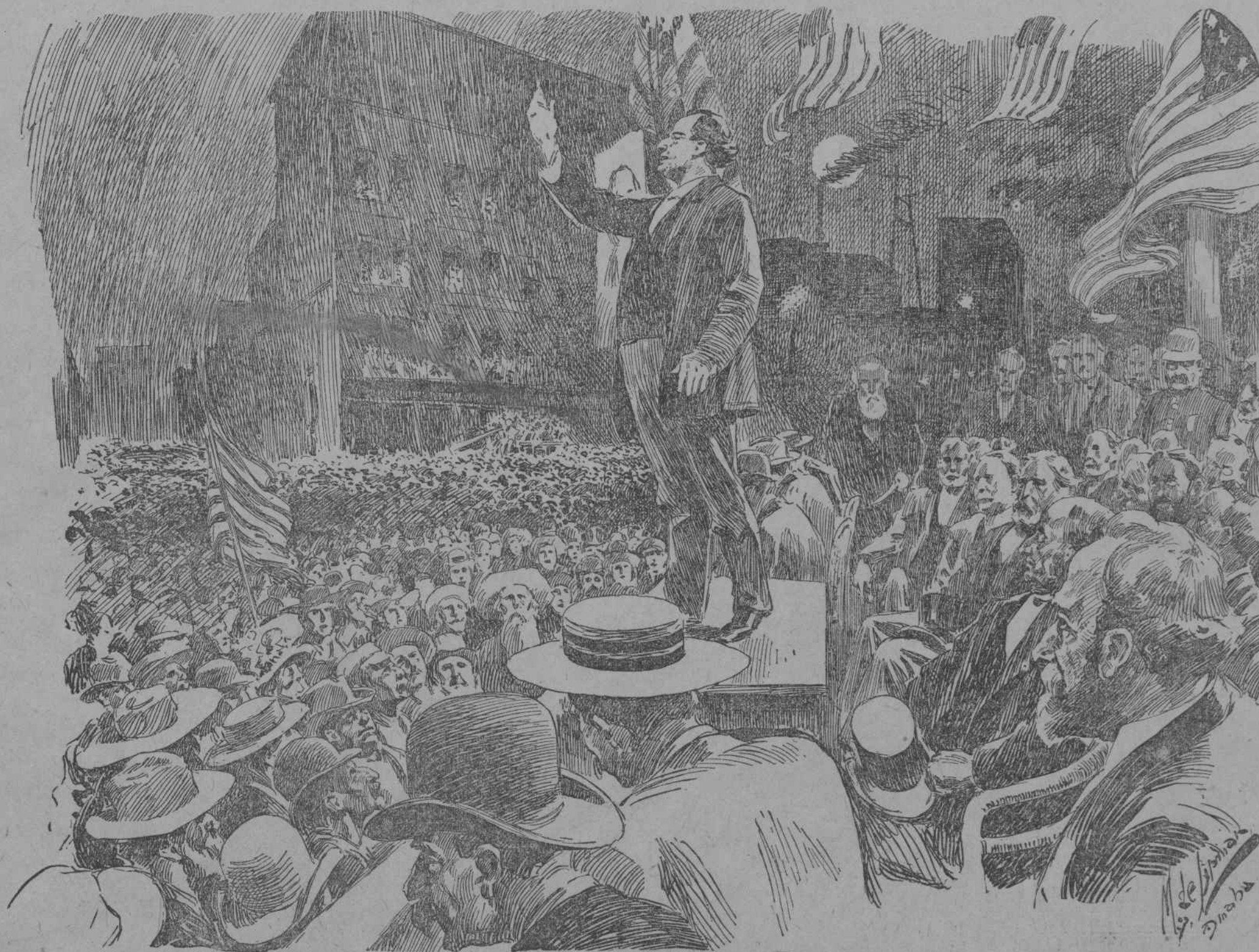
Lincoln, Neb., July 25.—Upon receiv-
ing the news that the Populists had
nominated him for President of the
United States Mr. Bryan issued the fol-
lowing statement:

"When the Populists decided to nomi-
nate a Vice-President first, Senator
Jones, chairman of the National Dem-
ocratic Committee, wired me as fol-
lows: 'Populists nominate Vice-Pres-
ident first. If not Sewall, what shall
we do?' Answer quick. I favor your
declination in that case.'

"I wired him immediately as fol-
lows:
"I entirely agree with you. With-
draw my name if Sewall is not nomi-
nated.'

"These dispatches were published in
my papers, and the conven-
tion understood my position. In spite
of this they have seen fit to nominate
me. Whether I shall accept the nomi-
nation or not will depend entirely upon
what conditions are attached to it.

"My first desire is to aid in securing
the immediate restoration by the
United States of the free and unlimited
coinage of gold and silver at the pre-
sent legal ratio of 16 to 1, without wait-
ing for the aid or consent of any other
nation. The Republican platform de-
clares that the bimetallic system
should be restored, but asserts that we,
as a people, are helpless to secure bi-
metallism for ourselves until foreign



MR. BRYAN SPEAKING TO AN ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD IN OMAHA.

The candidate spoke to twenty thousand people in Omaha last Tuesday. He addressed them from a platform on a street corner, and so profound was the silence that followed the cheering that when he began his voice could plainly be heard a long block away. Mr. Bryan stood upon a table, his figure towering above all the crowd. Below him the multitude stretched away as far as the eye could pierce the shadows of the night.

nations come to our assistance.

"We cannot afford to surrender our
right to legislate for our people upon
every question, and so long as that
right is disputed no other question can
approach it in importance.

"I appreciate the desire manifested
at St. Louis to consolidate all the free
silver forces, and regret that they did
not nominate Mr. Sewall also. He
stands squarely upon the Chicago plat-

form and has defended our cause
against greater opposition than we
have had to meet in the West and
South. The Populist platform is on
many questions substantially identical
with the Chicago platform. It goes be-
yond the Chicago platform, however,
and indorses some policies of which I
do not approve.

"All that I can say now is that my
action will depend entirely upon the

conditions attached to the nomination.
I shall do nothing which will endanger
the success of bimetallicism, nor shall
I do anything unfair to Mr. Sewall."

To this statement Mr. Bryan said he
had nothing to add. The Journal cor-
respondent asked him several ques-
tions, but to each he answered with a
smile. "I have given the matter care-
ful thought, and have decided to say
nothing beyond what is in the state-

ment I gave you."

Senator Jones is expected here to-
morrow, and after a conference with
him Mr. Bryan will probably make
another statement.

A bulletin reached here from St.
Louis to the effect that the Populist
National Committee had received plen-
ary powers. When asked if it were
likely that they would remove Mr.
Watson's name from the ticket, Mr.

Bryan said: "I have only just received
the bulletin, and cannot say anything
until I hear further."

Albany Recruits for Bryan.

Albany, July 25.—A number of prominent
Republicans have declared for the Chicago
ticket and platform. Among them are Henry
Kelly, formerly Century Treasurer; John H.
Day, a leading merchant; Abraham Elch, a
wealthy jeweler; Henry D. Enos, a candi-
date for Alderman last Fall; Miles Norton,
a candidate for delegate to the last Consti-
tutional Convention, and John Bridgeford,
formerly superintendent of the Capital con-
struction.

BRYAN IS NAMED BY POPULISTS.

Receives Nearly All the
Votes in the St.
Louis Convention.

Middle-of-the-Roaders Show
But Little Strength Out-
side of Texas.

The Nebraska Orator's Nomi-
nation Made Unanimous
with Enthusiasm.

General Weaver Declares Third Par-
ties Will Not Let Him Decline
Their Indorsement

SCHEMING TO OUST MR. SEWALL

Delegates Want the Democratic Nomine
for Vice-President to Withdraw and
Give Watson a Clear
Track.

St. Louis, July 25.—William J. Bryan
was nominated by the Populist Con-
vention to-day for President. The convention
consumed the greater part of the day in
making the nomination. Former Congres-
man Thomas E. Watson, the candidate for
Vice-President, will "stick," and it is the
hope of the Populists that Sewall will
either resign from the Democratic ticket
or be forced off by the National Com-
mittee.

The day in the convention hall was
marked, as usual, with a vast amount
of oratory.

It was obvious at the beginning of
Bryan was the almost unanimous choice
but the men and the women who
nominating and seconding speeches were
not to be moved from their seats
delivering them by any considerable
the uselessness of such speeches, early
morning proposition to not
Bryan by acclamation was violently
down. Thereupon the roll of the
names of the delegates was called, and
the earth had come to the St. Louis au-
ditorium. From 9:30 o'clock in the morning
until 3 o'clock in the afternoon the oratory
was unceasing. Bryan's name was pre-
sented by General J. B. Weaver, himself
an ex-Populist nominee.

Weaver Nominates Bryan.

Mr. Weaver opened his speech with the
statement that the condition of the People's
party was most "critical." He had but two
aspirations—one was to preserve un-
dermined and unbroken the great principles
of the party, and the other was to preserve
the party organization for present and
future uses in every portion of the country.

General Weaver assumed that all dele-
gates had read in the papers this morning
the telegram from Mr. Bryan, declining to
accept the nomination of the People's party
disassociated from Mr. Sewall.

"No man," said Mr. Weaver, "could have
done less and be a man. Mr. Bryan's atti-
tude challenges the respect of every dele-
gate."



MR. BRYAN HOLDING A RECEPTION IN COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

Hundreds of people went to the hotel in Council Bluffs at which the candidate was stopping Wednesday to promise him support. While the reception was being held a little girl in a white dress stood at Mr. Bryan's feet and held his hat. The first to greet Mr. Bryan was the hotel barber, who said he hoped he would have a chance to shave him in the White House. During the reception the candidate shook hands with former soldiers and others.